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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Brian S. HILTON et al.

Group Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 10/766,008

Examiner: J. LEBRON

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Docket No.: 117411

For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING A FLUID CONTAINER TO A FLUID EJECTOR IN A
FLUID EJECTION DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 12, 2006 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants
provisionally elect species I, claim 6, with traverse.

In further response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants respectfully
assert that at least claim 1 is generic to all the species.

Applicants traverse the election of species requirement on the ground that the generic
claims are not so broad as to place an undue burden on the Patent Office to search and
examine the full scope of the claims. Rather, search and examination of the entire application
could be conducted without undue burden on the Examiner, thus avoiding delay and expense
to Applicants and the Office.

Applicants further understand, however, that upon search, examination and allowance of claims encompassing the elected species, search and examination will continue as to the non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,



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